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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN AFGHANISTAN - APPROACH TO  
SOVIETS

REF: 1. KABUL 4171 2. STATE 111535

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN EMBASSY KABUL'S VIEW THAT PRODUC-  
TION OF OPIUM IN AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN WHERE SOVIETS HAVE  
AID PROJECTS UNDERWAY (REF 2, PARA 13), PROVIDES A BASIS  
UPON WHICH TO ACQUAINT SOVIETS WITH OUR STRONG CONCERN WITH  
AFGHAN PRODUCTION POTENTIAL.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER THAT THE BEST APPROACH WOULD  
BE TO RAISE THIS WITH THE SOVIETS HERE. DEPARTMENT SEES  
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GREATER USEFULNESS IN AN APPROACH BY EMBASSY MOSCOW TO MFA  
STRESSING THE FOLLOWING:

A). AFGHANISTAN HAS UNDERTAKEN EFFORTS TO CONTROL ITS SERI-  
OUS OPIUM PRODUCTION PROBLEM BUT IS EXPERIENCING EXPECTED  
DIFFICULTIES IN DOING THIS.

B). US IS ASSISTING AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEMS, BUT POTENTIAL FOR AFGHAN ORIGIN NARCOTICS GETTING INTO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BOTH CLOSE AND DISTANT ARGUES FOR GENERAL, NOT JUST US, CONCERN.

C). THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) RECOGNIZING THIS, HAS BEEN ASSISTING AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IN CONTROL EFFORTS BUT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ON A BILATERAL BASIS WOULD, WE BELIEVE, HAVE AN IMPORTANT BENEFICIAL EFFECT, SUPPLEMENTING THE EFFORTS OF UNFDAC.

D). BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION HAS UNDERWAY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN MAJOR OPIUM GROWING AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MAY SHARE THESE CONCERNS AND MAY WISH TO EXPRESS ITS OWN VIEWS ON THIS TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH THE SOVIETS, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY TAKE THIS UP, AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND TIME. VANCE

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